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SUBJECT: **Oppose SB184 and HB5262**

I am writing as a concerned citizen regarding the proposed bills SB184 and HB5262.

I am 100% opposed to mass mail in voting, as our state DOES NOT have the safeguards in place to determine who actually completed each ballot that is sent in, leading to the potential for widespread voter fraud.

Furthermore, these bills seek to redefine the definitions for eligibility for an absentee ballot in Connecticut, specifically when it comes to the term 'sickness.'

According to Connecticut's state constitution, only qualified voters of the state who are unable to appear in person at their polling place on the day of election will be afforded the ability to vote by mail because of absence from the city or town of which they are inhabitants or because of "sickness", or physical disability or because the tenets of their religion forbid secular activity.

This has always been understood to mean your personal 'sickness' just like all the other excuses listed are because you are affected personally. Obviously, you wouldn't need to vote by absentee because of your neighbor's absence from work etc.

Quite obvious to me is that Bills SB184 and HB5262 are an attempt to redefine 'sickness' for the purpose of creating no-excuse absentee voting, circumventing the constitution and enabling another unsolicited, expensive mass mailing election.

Continuing to spend millions of taxpayer dollars to mail ballot applications to every person on Connecticut's voter rolls (which are well known to contain tens of thousands of ineligible voters including those who have passed, moved away, or are registered in different locations) is nothing more than fraud.

Instead, Connecticut should spend that money to improve security, create a registration and voter system, as well as a method to determine who actually completed a ballot. Only then will our elections be true, fair and free. Only then will Connecticut citizens trust the results.

**Do not allow this bad policy to become law.**

**Vote NO on SB184 and HB5262.**

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